Course Title – Constitutional Values And Fundamental Duties

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Enrich students with knowledge and relevance of the Constitution.
- Develop awareness about Duties and Values.
- Inculcate a sense of Constitutionalism in thought and action.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Understand the Constitution and its relevance
- Appreciate the values and goals embedded in the Constitution.
- Recognise the importance of Fundamental Duties enshrined in the Constitution.
- Apply the spirit of fundamental values and duties in everyday national life.

Syllabus of *Constitutional Values and Fundamental Duties*

Unit I: **The Constitution of India – an Introduction**
• Federal Republic, Rule of Law, Separation of Powers • Sovereignty, Socialism, Democracy • Secularism and *Sarva Dharma Sama Bhava*
Unit II: Constitutional Values
• **Justice:** Social, Political, Economic • **Liberty**: Thought, Expression, Belief, Faith, Worship • **Equality** : Equality before law & equal application of laws • **Fraternity:** Dignity, Unity and Integrity
Unit III: Fundamental Duties
• Reflecting on the ancient Indian notions of righteousness and duty consciousness • Fundamental Duties- Article 51A [(a) – (k)] • Legal status of Fundamental Duties - Judicial approach

Practical/ Practice Component

- Reflections on some of the constitutional values/ fundamental duties and its contemporary relevance in day-to-day national life through group discussions and projects.
- Conduct workshops to spread awareness on the Fundamental Duties and Values.
- Students are required to conduct a survey (minimum 25 respondents) on assessing the awareness of the constitutional duties amongst the citizens.
- Students may share their experiences on Fundamental Duties and Values in the form of a Project Report.
- Any other Practical/Practice as decided from time to time

ESSENTIAL READINGS

- *Preamble* to the Constitution of India, 1950.
- The Constitution of India, Articles - 14, 19, 21.
- The Constitution of India, Fundamental Duties [Ar. 51 A (a) – (k)].

SUGGESTED READINGS

- Durga Das Basu, *et al.*, *Introduction to the Constitution of India* (LexisNexis, 26th edn, 2022).
- Leila Seth, *We, the Children of India: The Preamble to Our Constitution* (New Delhi, Puffin Books, Penguin Books India, 2010).
- Mahendra Pal Singh, V.N. Shukla's Constitution of India, (Eastern Book Company, Lucknow, 13th revised edn. 2017)
- B.R. Ambedkar Selected Speeches, (Prasar Bharati, New Delhi, 2019) *available at:* https://prasarbharati.gov.in/whatsnew/whatsnew_653363.pdf.

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